

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 11, 13 and 15 have been amended to clarify the claimed invention and new dependent Claim 16 has been added, therefore, Claims 1 through 16 are pending and at issue.

The Office Action set forth a restriction requirement between the following groups:

Group I – Claims 1-10 drawn to a fermentation composition,

Group II – Claims 11-14 drawn to a process for making a dried granular fermentation compositions, and

Group III – Claim 15 drawn to a method of treating an aquatic environment with a fermentation composition.

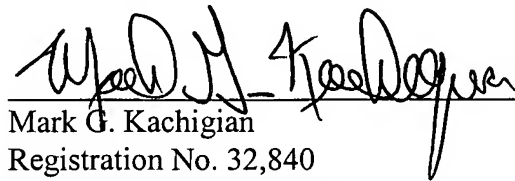
In response to this requirement, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file continuing applications directed to the nonelected subject matter without prejudice to their rights.

Applicants submit that Claim 1 links Groups I, II and III as the claims are now amended. Therefore, upon allowance of the linking claim, the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions should be withdrawn and all claims within the linked inventions should be examined in the instant application.

Also enclosed is a Petition For a One-Month Extension of Time and our check in the amount of \$55 to cover the government fee.

The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this response or application.

Respectfully submitted,



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